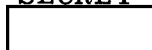


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SCOPE COTTON Discussions, D/NRO

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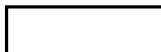
1. [redacted] met with [redacted] at [redacted] 1500 hours, 9 March 1967, to discuss progress and status of SCOPE COTTON.

2. The meeting progressed into the following areas:

a. Review of the "1000-series" SCOPE COTTON actions. (Note: The "1000-series" is a numerical block assigned to a group of SCOPE COTTON tasks within OSA areas of responsibility. Other action blocks have been assigned to AFRDR and the SPO SR-71/F-12 to perform).

b. Review of the SCOPE COTTON Logistics Plan draft.

3. Each task assignment within the "1000-series" block was discussed in detail. The progress that has been made was considered as generally satisfactory. Much time was devoted to semantics and to the various interpretations that could be applied to certain items. These were cleared up during the review; however, additional inputs were requested on two topics.



NRO review(s) completed.

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4. The following includes some of [ ] observations made during review of the Logistics Plan:

a. It still can not be assumed that the OXCART aircraft will be stored at Palmdale. It was pointed out to him that the continuing lack of decision on this subject will further compound the problems now developing in the phase-out program. [ ] recommended the plan be re-phrased to indicate

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[ ] or Palmdale for storage of aircraft.

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b. He also recommended comments affecting disposition of [ ] indicate that [ ] will be completely shutdown or remain in caretaker status subsequent to 31 December 1967." (The Logistics Plan assumed Palmdale only as the storage site)

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c. The Logistics Plan recommended storing of system [ ] however, recommended these be processed and stored at [ ] pending further decisions on their redistribution.

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d. [ ] recommended the plan reflect a priority of assets access and distribution as follows:

(1) OXCART program throughout its phase-down.

(2) [ ] and other NRO programs.

(3) SR-71/F-12 and other specified programs.

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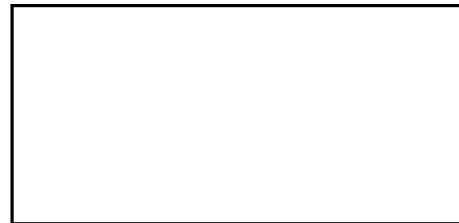
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e. Other comments centered on the placement and use of certain words and phrases within the Logistics Plan. These have been noted elsewhere.

5. The discussion permitted the exchange of up-to-date views on SCOPE COTTON. It did not, however, result in the release of any new or significant guidelines for this program. [redacted] stated Dr. Flax will be briefed during week of 13 March and some long-awaited decisions should be forthcoming. He recommended delaying release of the Logistics Plan (as amended) until after 20 March 1967.

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6. Although several D/NRO policy decisions have yet to be made on SCOPE COTTON, it is recognized that OSA will necessarily continue actions on those phase-down tasks that must be performed at this time or in the immediate future.



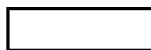
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D/M/OSA [redacted] (10 Mar 67)

Distribution:

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- #2 - DD/SA
- #3 - D/O/OSA
- #4 - BPD/COMPT/OSA
- #5 - SS/OSA
- #6 - D/R&D/OSA
- #7 - D/M/OSA (Chrono)
- #8 - RB/OSA



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